hearing. Cases have been categorised into different subjects and are posted in the list of those judges who have been assigned those subjects.

Government has also taken a series of steps to simplify procedures and speed up disposal of cases on the basis of the advice and recommendations of expert bodies like the Law Commission, etc. Conference of Law Ministers, Chief Ministers and Chief Justice and other concerned with the administration of Justice are held periodically and the recommendations and conclusions emerging from such exchanges and consultations are implemented and their progress closely monitored.

Treating Re-Employed persons as continued employees by State Bank of Indore

*97. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some re-employed persons were treated as continued employees by the State Bank of Indore during 1994-95 in order to fulfil Government's assurance given in the Rajya Sabha in the supplementary reply to Starred Question 102 on 17th November, 1988;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Bank has reverted to their previous decision of 4th October, 1994 in such cases in July, 1997; and

(d) if so, by when the recent decision is likely to be withdrawn by the bank and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAN): (a) and (b) State Bank of Indore has reported that one clerical employee of State Bank of Indore was treated to have abandoned the bank's service voluntarily with effect from 30.12.87 as per provisions of bipartite settlement as he had stayed away unauthorisedly from his duties for a long time. The employee did not approach the bank further till November 1989. On 19.12.89 the employee submitted an application in the form of a mercy petition pleading pardon for his acts and requested the bank for sympathetic consideration. He also requested the bank that if reinstatement is not possible, he may be re-appointed in the bank. The management, after considering his case sympathetically took a lenient view and decided to re-appoint him with certain conditions. The employee agreed to the conditions and joined the bank on 1.1.90. In the meantime, during the year 1988, certain questions were raised in the Parliament about this employee and some allegations were made. As assured by the Hon'ble Minister, these allegations were examined and were found untrue. Therefore the re-employment of the employee was not made in pursuance of any assurance in the Rajya Sabha.

(c) and (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Review of Prasar Bharati Act

*98. SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to conduct review of the Prasar Bharati Act; and

(b) if so, when do Government expect to come forward with their proposals before the Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Government have initiated action for introducing a Bill for restoring the provisions of the original Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India) Act, 1990 in the current session of the Parliament.